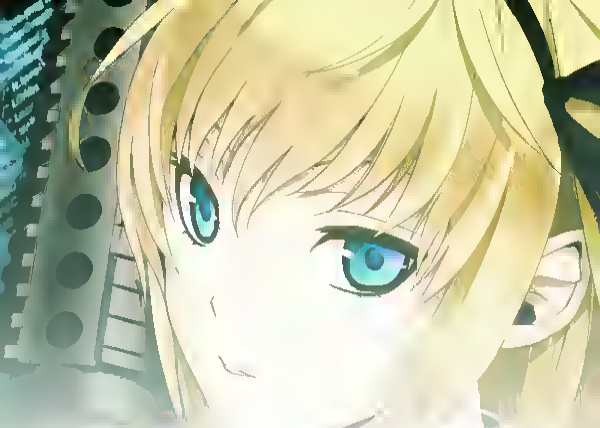

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SFX: KSCH
SFX: RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

SFX: SHF
SFX: SMOKE
HUH?
SFX: SWOO
SFX: WHOOSH

……
I'LL

COME AGAIN.
ビク
SFX: SHOCK

HIS BODY...
REFOR-MED...
シュウ…
SFX: SHF

AH-
SFX: ZHP

WHAT HAPPENED?
HE JUST DISAPPEARED. THAT GUY HAS A SPECIAL ABILITY CALLED "SCHRODINGER'S CAT".
ALICE-SAN!!
HE MANAGED TO ESCAPE, HUH?
.....
A SPECIAL ABILITY?
YEAH; THE CHESHIRE CAT CAN ALTER HIS BODY.
HE CAN APPEAR AND DISAPPEAR AT WILL.
MY ABILITY IS THIS.
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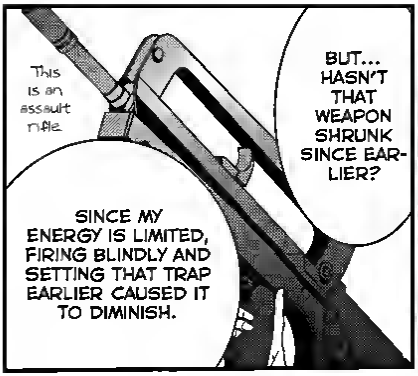
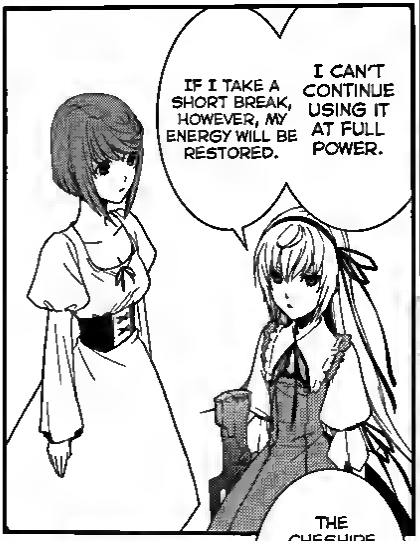
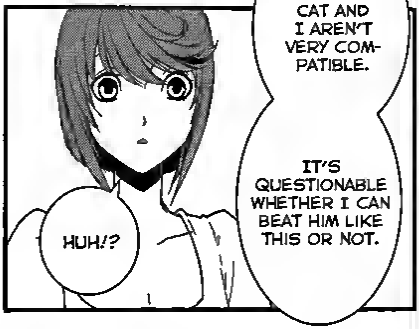
THE MACHINE GUN?


This is an assault rifle.
BUT... HASN'T THAT WEAPON SHRUNK SINCE EARLIER?
SINCE MY ENERGY IS LIMITED, FIRING BLINDLY AND SETTING THAT TRAP EARLIER CAUSED IT TO DIMINISH.


I CAN'T CONTINUE USING IT AT FULL POWER.
IF I TAKE A SHORT BREAK, HOWEVER, MY ENERGY WILL BE RESTORED.


THE CHESHIRE CAT AND I AREN'T VERY COMPATIBLE.
IT'S QUESTIONABLE WHETHER I CAN BEAT HIM LIKE THIS OR NOT.
HUH!?

I CAN MATERIALIZE WEAPONS
WITH AN ABILITY CALLED "ENERCELL".
WITHOUT THIS WEAPON I CAN'T DEFEAT OTHER CHARACTERS.

THEN... WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
AS WITH THE PREVIOUS CASE, WE SHOULD TRY CATCHING THE PERSON USING THE CHARACTER.
THE CHESHIRE CAT SHOULD HAVE A HUMAN MASTER.
I DON'T KNOW WHAT HIS REASON IS FOR FOLLOWING YOU AROUND, BUT IF WE CATCH HIM IN THE REAL WORLD
WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO STOP THE CHARACTER'S MOVEMENTS TOO.

I GET IT. LET'S DO OUR BEST.
THANK YOU, ALICE-SAN.

IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE AFTER ALL, HUH?

IT SURE WAS SNEAKY OF THAT BASTARD, DISAPPEARING LIKE THAT!!
IT CAN'T BE HELPED, GIVEN HIS ABILITY.
AS I TOLD HER, IT'D BE QUICKER TO CATCH THE GUY IN REAL LIFE.
BUT THE REAL 3D WORLD ISN'T MY DOMAIN, SO--
IT'S ALL UP TO YOU GUYS FROM HERE.
Ugh
.....

HUH? INABA STILL ISN'T HERE?
YEAH. IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR INABA--
HE TOLD ME HIS STOMACH WAS HURTING, SO HE WENT TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
ALL RIGHT.
SFX: RUSTLE

SFX: RUSH
YOU PERVERTED BASTARD!!
HE SHOULD BE OVER HERE...
SFX: RUSTLE
THERE!!
HUH?
SFX: SWOOSH
GEH!!

I'LL ARREST YOU FOR HINDERING THIS INVES-TIGATION!!
. HUH?
SWIPE
DETECTIVE KUZE!?
WHAT THE HELL? IT'S JUST YOU?
I GOT A REPORT FROM THE PRINCIPAL SAYING THERE WAS A SUSPICIOUS PERSON SEEN ON THE GROUNDS...
DON'T TELL ME IT'S YOU.
Well, I guess I've found the culprit.
SIGH
Y-YOU'RE WRONG!!
I'M HERE TO CATCH THE SUSPICIOUS GUY TOO...
AH!! THERE HE IS!!
AH!!
WAIT!!
AH!!

SFX: DASH

SFX: SWOOSH

SFX: WHAP
HOW DO YOU LIKE THE TASTE OF MY SWORD?
RYUU-ZAKI!!
UGH...
-SFX: THUD

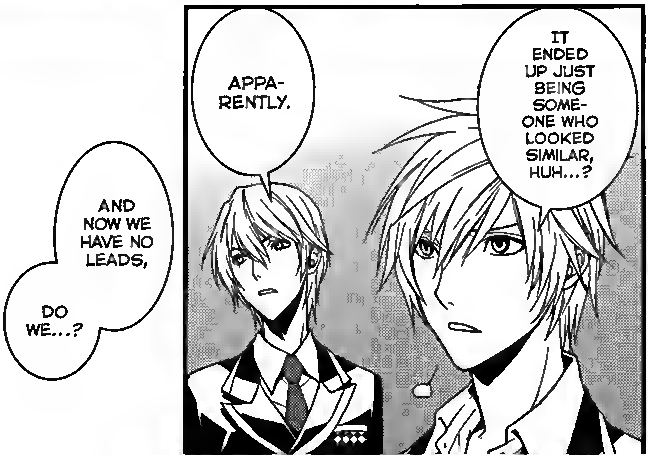
I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY THOUGHT OF THE SOCCER TEAM SCOUT LIKE THAT...
PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE
YOU HAVE OUR SINCEREST APOLOGIES.

NOW, ALL OF YOU SHOULD APOLOGIZE AS WELL
WE'RE SORRY.

UHM... WHAT SOCCER TEAM ARE YOU FROM?
BUT NOT SUSPICIOUSLY ENOUGH TO WARRANT A SUDDEN ATTACK...
THE GAME WAS ENTHRALLING, SO I WAS PROBABLY SMIRKING,
I CAME BECAUSE I HEARD THERE WAS AN AMAZING PLAYER ON THE TEAM.

THE KIRYUU CYCLONES.
OH, THAT'S MY TEAM.
HUH? YOURS?
I'M KIRYUU CELIA SATOSHI.
I'M THE SON OF THE HEAD OF THE KIRYUU ZAIBATSU GROUP.
AN APOLOGY FROM MY FATHER IS--
Y-
YOU'RE HIS SON!? THAT'S UNBELIEV-ABLE!!

I'll leave it to your father
bow bow


IT ENDED UP JUST BEING SOME-ONE WHO LOOKED SIMILAR, HUH...?
APPA-RENTLY.
AND NOW WE HAVE NO LEADS,
DO WE...?

WHAT'S WRONG, NODOKA?
WHY'D YOU BRING US TO A PLACE LIKE THIS?
SORRY FOR BEING SO SUDDEN.
THERE'S SOMETHING I'D LIKE YOU TWO TO TAKE A LOOK AT.
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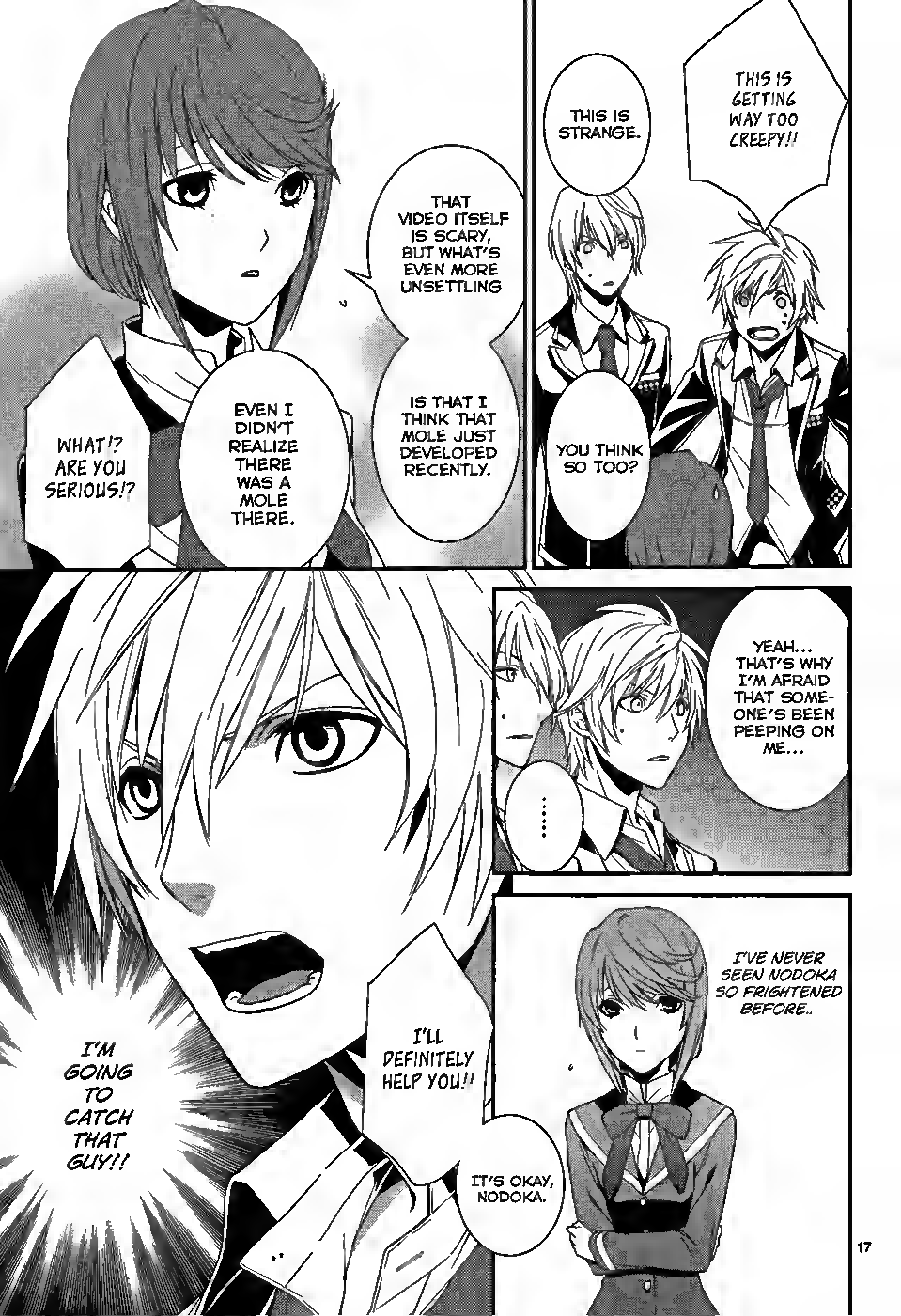
IT'S...
RIGHT HERE.
NO-
NODOKA!! WHAT ARE YOU DOING!?
THERE'S A MOLE, ISN'T THERE?
SFX: EMBARRASSED
...A MOLE?
YEAH, SOMEWHERE ON THE LEFT SIDE OF MY BACK.

AS I THOUGHT ...
THERE IS ONE.
...IS THERE SOMETHING IMPORTANT ABOUT THAT MOLE?
TO BE HONEST ...
A VIDEO?
I RECEIVED THIS VIDEO EARLIER.
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS...?
WE BOTH HAVE MOLES IN THE SAME PLACE
RIGHT AROUND HERE
THAT MEANS OUR PERSONALITIES ARE ALSO BOUND TO BE SIMILAR
LET'S MAKE SURE TO GET ALONG
SFX: POINT


THIS IS GETTING WAY TOO CREEPY!!
THIS IS STRANGE.
YOU THINK SO TOO?
THAT VIDEO ITSELF IS SCARY, BUT WHAT'S EVEN MORE UNSETTLING
IS THAT I THINK THAT MOLE JUST DEVELOPED RECENTLY.
EVEN I DIDN'T REALIZE THERE WAS A MOLE THERE.
WHAT!? ARE YOU SERIOUS!?
YEAH... THAT'S WHY I'M AFRAID THAT SOME-ONE'S BEEN PEEPING ON ME...
.....
I'VE NEVER SEEN NODOKA SO FRIGHTENED BEFORE..
IT'S OKAY, NODOKA.
I'LL DEFINITELY HELP YOU!!
I'M GOING TO CATCH THAT GUY!!

HAH
HAH
HAH
SFX: TAP TAP TAP
HAH
HEY,
HAH
HAH
WAIT UP.

JUST A LITTLE FURTHER---
HAH
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY?
I SAID WAIT UP.
HAH
HAH
OVER THERE!!
I WON'T LET YOU RUN AWAY ANYMORE.
HEY.
HAH

WHY CAN'T WE JUST GET ALONG?
COME ON.
SFX: SHF
...TCH
WHO'S THERE!?
SFX: RAT-TAT-TAT-TAT

YOU SURE ARE PERSIS-TENT.
STUPID CAT.
トッ
SFX: TAP
フワ

I BROUGHT HIM, JUST AS YOU SAID,
BUT IS THIS REALLY GOOD ENOUGH?
YEAH.
ALICE-SAN!!
SFX: THUD
ALICE...
YOU'RE ALWAYS GETTING IN THE WAY.
GRR
NOW I'M REALLY---

PISSED OFF!!
SFX: RUSH

AH!!
.....
YOU'RE LIKE A CAT ON A HOT TIN ROOF.
COOL OFF A LITTLE.
SFX: RAT-TAT-TAT
SHUT UP!! SHUT UP!!
SHUT UP! MEOW!!
SFX: SWOOSH
SINCE MY ENERGY IS LIMITED, I CAN'T KEEP USING IT AT FULL POWER
THE GUN
HAS BECOME SMALLER
WHAT SHOULD I DO..?
SHE'S ALREADY USED A FAIR AMOUNT OF ENERGY IN THIS BATTLE...

IF WE KEEP SQUABBLING LIKE THIS, WE WON'T BE ABLE TO WIN...
A HA HA HA HA !!!
YOUR ENERGY SEEMS TO HAVE DECREASED CONSIDERABLY!!
SFX: SWISH
.....
YOU CAN'T USE YOUR MACHINE GUN ON ME NOW!!
CONSI-DERABLY INDEED.

...YOU STUPID CAT. IS THAT ALL YOU'RE CAPABLE OF?
SFX: RIP
SFX: SHCK
I SHOULD BE THE ONE SAYING THAT TO YOU. DON'T YOU ONLY HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH LEFT TO FIRE ONE MORE ROUND?
IT'S TRUE THAT I ONLY HAVE ENOUGH ENERGY FOR ONE MORE SHOT,
BUT...
ONE SHOT IS ENOUGH
TO TAKE DOWN A STUPID CAT.

LOOK OUT!!
SFX: CLICK
SFX: RUSH
I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU!!
DAMN IT...
!?
SFX: BZZT

IT'S A JAMMING DEVICE.
WH-
WHAT IS THIS?

YOU CAN MANIPULATE YOUR MOLECULAR STRUCTURE AT WILL.
YOU CAN CHANGE YOUR BODY INTO A SOLID, LIQUID OR GAS ANY TIME YOU LIKE.
BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN IF THAT TRANSFORMATION IS INHIBITED EXTERNALLY BY A JAMMING DEVICE?
BECAUSE OF THAT, ATTACKING YOU PHYSICALLY HAS NO EFFECT.
J-
JAMMING?
WOULD IT BE EASIER TO UNDERSTAND IF I CALLED IT AN "ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVE DISRUPTION DEVICE"?

IT SHOULD MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO CHANGE FORM.
SFX: SNICKER
TH-
TH-
THIS IS WHAT YOU WERE WAITING FOR?
SFX: BZZT
YEP.
I NEEDED TO EXPEND A LOT OF ENERGY IN ORDER TO USE THE JAMMING DEVICE, SO MY GUN HAS BEEN REDUCED TO THIS...
BUT I TOLD YOU BEFORE, DIDN'T I?
IF I CAN BEAT YOU WITH IT, THEN ONE SHOT IS JUST FINE.
!!!
I'M GOING TO UN-INSTALL THIS STALKER CAT.

SFX: RUSH
WAIT!!
PLEASE!!
I'M SORRY.
YOU'RE RIGHT, BUT... I DON'T WANT THAT AFTER ALL---
I DON'T WANT TO INFLICT ANY MORE PAIN ON THAT CAT.
IF THAT'S THE CASE, I SUPPOSE IT'S OKAY FOR ME TO UNINSTALL YOU FIRST.
A SHORT BREAK SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO ACCUMULATE SUFFICIENT ENERGY TO SHOOT THE CAT AS WELL.
SFX: CLICK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? PLEASE MOVE.
I DON'T THINK HE'S BAD ENOUGH TO WARRANT THAT!
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO REQUESTED HIS ELIMINATION, AREN'T YOU?

ALICE!!
INABA-KUN!! KIRYUU-KUN!!
YEAH.
WE MADE IT JUST IN TIME.
YOU CAME FOR ME?
BUT... IF INABA-KUN IS HERE, THEN HOW IS ALICE-SAN STILL MOVING?
CRAP!! NODOKA AND KIRYUU THINK ALICE AND I ARE THE SAME PERSON...!!
UHM .
OH! I CONSTRUCTED A PROGRAM TO ALLOW FOR THAT KIND OF MOVEMENT BEFOREHAND. SHE'LL STOP MOVING SOON!!
WELL... SHE ISN'T SUPPOSED TO!!
SHE ISN'T RUNNING WILD, AT LEAST.
ERR, SHE SEEMS TO HAVE STOPPED NOW!! PROBABLY...!
THAT'S GREAT!
.....
.....
KUROSE, I'M BEGGING YOU. PLEASE DO AS I SAY.

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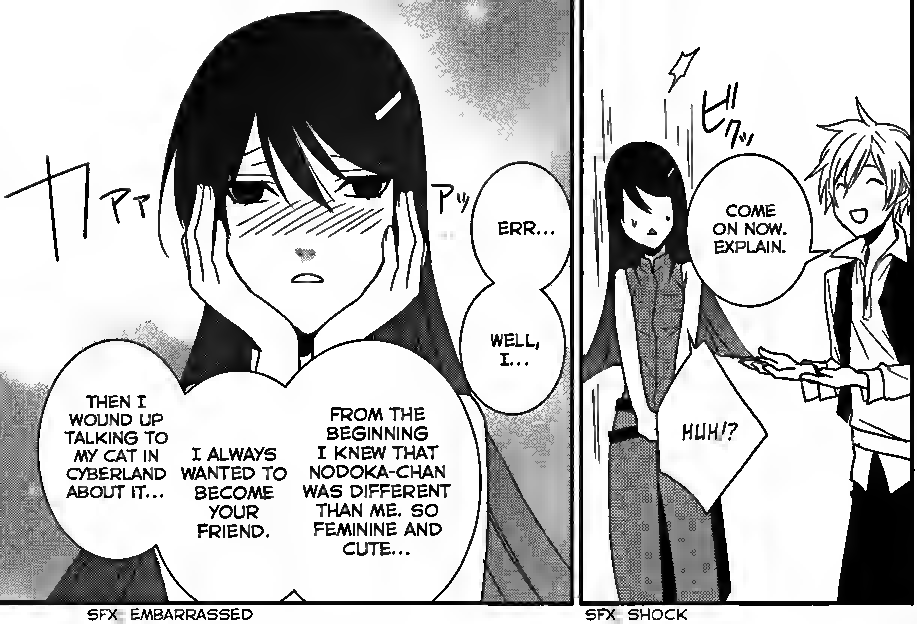
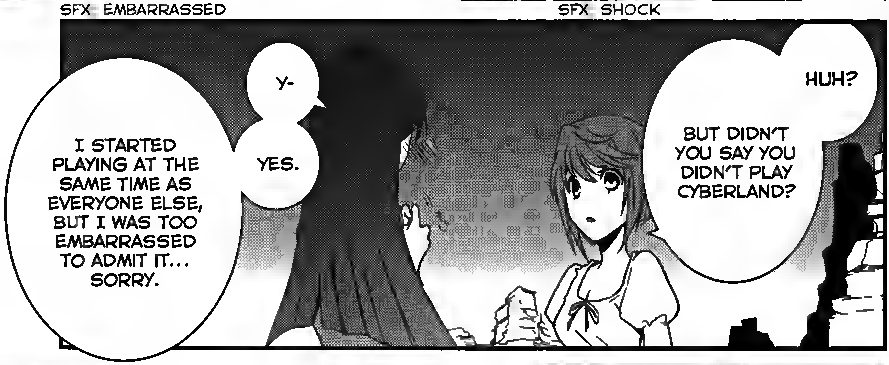
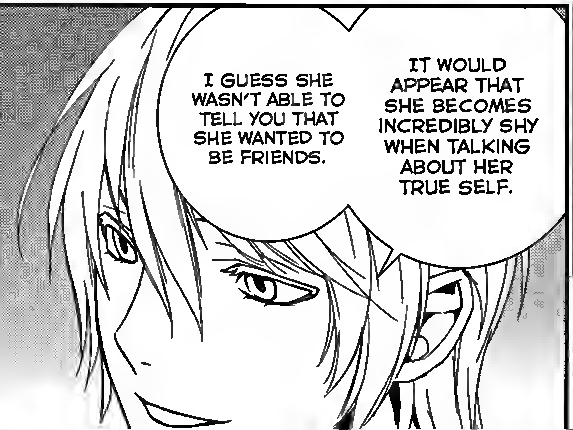
SFX: SCUFF
HUH...? NO WAY--
WHAT!?
I KNOW WHO THE CRIMINAL IS THIS TIME; I KNOW THE CHESHIRE CAT'S MASTER.
BESIDES, NODOKA,
RYUUZAKI-SAN!?
SORRY...
IT WAS ME ALL ALONG
.....
WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?


ERR...
WELL, I...
FROM THE BEGINNING I KNEW THAT NODOKA-CHAN WAS DIFFERENT THAN ME. SO FEMININE AND CUTE...
I ALWAYS WANTED TO BECOME YOUR FRIEND.
THEN I WOUND UP TALKING TO MY CAT IN CYBERLAND ABOUT IT...
COME ON NOW. EXPLAIN.
HUH!?

SFX: EMBARRASSED

SFX: SHOCK


Y-
YES.
I STARTED PLAYING AT THE SAME TIME AS EVERYONE ELSE, BUT I WAS TOO EMBARRASSED TO ADMIT IT... SORRY.
HUH?
BUT DIDN'T YOU SAY YOU DIDN'T PLAY CYBERLAND?


I GUESS SHE WASN'T ABLE TO TELL YOU THAT SHE WANTED TO BE FRIENDS.
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT SHE BECOMES INCREDIBLY SHY WHEN TALKING ABOUT HER TRUE SELF.

WHEN SHE TOLD ALL OF THAT TO THE CAT,
HE APPARENTLY READ TOO MUCH INTO THE SITUATION AND WENT TO MEET NODOKA-CHAN HIMSELF...
CHESHIRE CAT!! IS ALL OF THIS TRUE?
Y-
YES!
IT'S TRUE!
I CHOSE THE CHESHIRE CAT AS MY BUTLER BECAUSE I LIKE CATS, BUT I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD GO AS FAR AS STALKING NODOKA-CHAN...
IT WAS THE SAME FOR ME. IT GOT TO THE POINT WHERE HE WAS PROWLING AROUND SUSPICIOUSLY...
SFX: EMBARRASSED
THE STORY ABOUT THE MOLE.
THE MOLE?
THAT'S HOW IT IS.
EVEN SO, RYUUZAKI HERSELF DIDN'T NOTICE WHAT WAS GOING ON UNTIL I MENTIONED IT TO HER.
HOW DID YOU KNOW IF EVEN RYUUZAKI-SAN HERSELF HADN'T YET NOTICED, INABA-KUN?

NODOKA, YOU SAID THAT YOU YOURSELF DIDN'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT MOLE, RIGHT?
I REALIZED THAT, UNLESS YOUR HOUSE HAD SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS INSTALLED, ONLY YOUR FAMILY MEMBERS AND THE GIRLS WHO ENTERED THE LOCKER ROOM WITH YOU WOULD KNOW ABOUT IT.
...HOW BORING.
THAT'S WHEN I MENTIONED TO RYUUZAKI THAT THE CRIMINAL WAS PROBABLY A GIRL.
WHEN I DID, SHE TOLD ME IT MIGHT BE HER.
ALL SHE REALLY WANTED WAS TO BE FRIENDS.
IS THAT SO?
WHAT A RELIEF.
AH!!

I'M SORRY, CHESHIRE CAT.
AYAKA!!
I THINK YOU'RE REALLY COOL, RYUUZAKI-SAN,
BUT I CAN SEE YOUR FEMININE SIDE TOO.
AND WE HAVE MOLES IN THE SAME SPOT, RIGHT? I THINK OUR PERSONALITIES DEFINITELY MATCH.
NOT AT ALL.
I WANT TO BE FRIENDS.
YOU MUST HATE ME AFTER ALL OF THIS, RIGHT?
I MUST SINCERELY APOLOGIZE TO YOU TOO, NODOKA-CHAN
THANK YOU.
NODOKA-CHAN...
MOREOVER I LIKE CATS MYSELF.

COME TO THINK OF IT, KUROSE IS ALWAYS ALONE.
HM?
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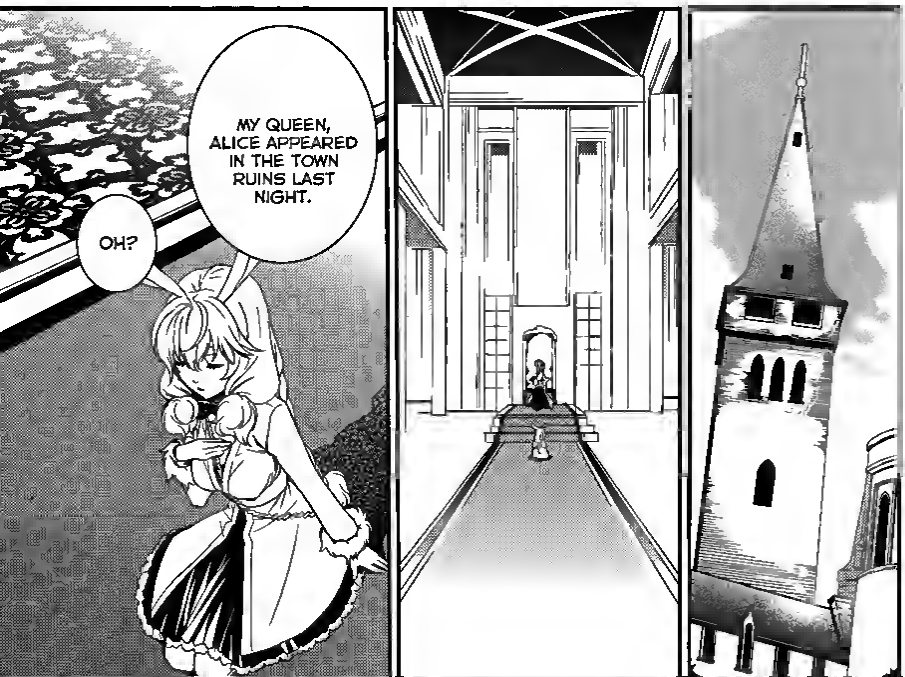
MY QUEEN, ALICE APPEARED IN THE TOWN RUINS LAST NIGHT.
OH?

MY QUEEN!! BAD NEWS, A PRISONER ESCAPED
WHAT!?
WAS IT JABBER-WOCK!?
SHE SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY INJURIES, THANKS TO HER REGENERATIVE ABILITIES...
BUT EVEN THEN, COULD IT BE THAT SHE HAS PEOPLE HELPING HER ...?
NO, IT WAS BILL THE LIZARD.
IS THAT SO...?
IT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
BUT I WONDER HOW MANY DEATHS THE HUMANS WILL EXPE-RIENCE...
IN THAT CASE, JUST LEAVE HIM ALONE
IS THAT REALLY ALRIGHT?
A NEW ENEMY HAS APPEARED!?
つづく To Be Continued...

THEN WHY NOT RECRUIT SOME MORE?
WE'RE TRYING BUT IT DOESNT DO ANY GOOD WHEN NO ONE APPLIES
UH SIR? I'M SORRY, BUT WE'RE LOW ON STAFF
DAMMIT! WHERE ARE THOSE NEW CHAPTERS?!
ARE YOU FREAKING SERIOUS?
MANGA
FIST SLAM
WELL UH, YES ACTUALLY

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WHY ARE YOU LOOKING AT ME LIKE THAT?
?
IT'S KIND OF CREEPING ME OUT
STARE
THIS GUY'S WEIRD STILL MAYBE I SHOULD VOLUNTEER AND HELP SPEED UP THEIR RELEASES

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